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Chairman Kevin Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket 05-221

Dear Chairman Martin:

We are writing on behalf of the IACP, MCC, NSA, and MCSA to address an item on the Commission's agenda regarding mobile satellite services.

Specifically, we understand that the Commission is determining whether to divide the remaining one-third of the 2 GHz mobile satellite service (MSS) spectrum between two remaining satellite operators authorized to provide MSS in the 2 GHz band; ICO Satellite Services (ICO) and TMI Communications and Company Limited Partnership (TMI).

As we understand it, this outcome could provide some benefits for public safety, to the extent that these providers are able to provide integrated satellite and terrestrial services for future public safety communications.

Therefore, we recommend that the Commission give consideration to the possible public safety benefits of this proposal.

Respectfully,

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Chief Harold L. Hurt, President
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